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Most Sincerely,

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An Austin resident, voter and hobbyist

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Dear Congressman Pickle:

I am very concerned about the proposed FCC action - NPRM PR Docket 92-235. I oppose it and I am asking your help to see that it is not approved. The proposal would insert a series of new frequencies between existing ones that are used for radio controlled model aircraft. They will overlap these frequencies and swamp them with their more powerful signal. Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable. It will result in dangerous situations where these models could go out of control.

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The Honorable J. J. Pickle
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Pickle:

I am retired and enjoy many, many hours of pleasure building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. I participate in club activities with many other retirees in this area. We each have a sizable investment in equipment, mine being approximately \$2,200.00.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations; however, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left, if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders, and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished, as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death, if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Holmes
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AMA #365617

P.S. Keep gays out of the military

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Dear Mr. Jake Ruckle

I would like to thank you
for helping me and my ~~family~~ family
In 1989. I suffer from conversion
disorder it is military connected. You and
your staff were very helpful in getting
the proper medical help to Bergstrom AFB.

During this time I found that R/C modeling and Flying help ~~to~~ very much with my disorder. Now there is a ~~no~~ FCC Rule change that will be voted on, ~~or~~ on Feb. 26, 1993 that I am very much opposed to, NPRM, PR Docket 92-235.

If this rule change is allowed to
 let pass it will destroy the

that not only helped me, and is still helping, but Older people and youth will not be able to enjoy or benefit from it either.

There is a growing concern about gangs and the ~~way~~ way it is taking in our youth and its destructive power on the society. If this rule change is allowed we will have lost another weapon in our war against ~~the~~ drug and gang activities.

Please when noting ~~on~~ ^{on} this rule

change Remember the needs of our youth

- Not Big Business.

MOST Sincerely
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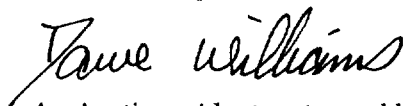
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